It also suggested that as the antibeggary laws enacted by the State Governments lack uniformity, the Ministry of Welfare might consider enacting a Central Law for the Union Territories which might also serve as a model for the State Governments.

Implementation of National Capital Region Plan

*115. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan is slow and tardy resulting in uncoordinated development all around Delhi and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government for the speedy implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The National Capital Region Plan is still under preparation. The Draft Regional Plan—2001 has been published on 14.8.87 with a notice inviting objections and suggestions.

(b) Does not arise.

Broadcasting of regional news bulletins

*116. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to stop the broadcast of Regional News Bulletins from the Centres other than from State Capitals; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Performance of operation flood programmes

*117. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Operation Flood a Failure" published in the Indian Express dated September 1, 1987;

(b) whether the World Bank and the European Economic Community have also adversely commented on the performance of the "Operation Flood Programme"; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any corrective steps to encourage small farmers to purchase cows or shebuffaloes to produce more milk rather than depend on imported milk powder and other products?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) The Government are aware of the news item published in the Bombay edition of Indian Express of 11.9.1987 under the title 'Operation Flood a Failure—panel'.

(b) The Appraisal Mission of the World Bank which included two members from European Economic Community, visited India during March—April, 1987. The Mission has appreciated the performance of Operation Flood.

(c) Does not arise.

1988–89 के लिए गेहूं का वसूली मूल्य

*118. **श्री अजीत सिंह :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कृषि लागत और मूल्य आयोग ने वर्ष 1988-89 के लिए गेहूं का वसूली मूल्य 173 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल करने की सिफारिश की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कृषि क्षेत्र की वर्तमान स्थिति, लागत व्यय में लगातार वृद्धि तथा भयंकर सूखे के कारण पिछली

फसलों को हुई क्षति आदि को देखते हुए इतना अप्रत्याशित मूल्य निर्धारित करने का क्या कारण है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार भविष्य में इस संबंध में क्या उपाय करने का विचार रखती है

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग ने गेहूं के वसूली मूल्य की सिफारिश करते समय, उत्पादन के लागत में हुई बढ़ोतरी सहित सभी संबद्ध तथ्यों को ध्यान में रखा है । सरकार कृषि लागत तथा मूल्य आयोग की सिफारिशों, संबंधित राज्य सरकारों, संबंधित केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों तथा योजना आयोग के विचारों को ध्यान में रख कर वसूली मूल्य निर्धारित करती है ।

Allocation of imported oil seeds

*119. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give preference to the Cooperatives over the small industries in the matter of allocation of imported oil seeds; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) At present oilseeds are not being imported. However, there is a proposal to import, on aid basis, 5 lakh tonnes of oilseeds to be canalised through the National Dairy Development Board.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Non-payment to NREP Beneficiaries

*120. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the non-payment or under payment of wages to beneficiaries of the National Rural Employment Programme;

(b) if so, what steps were taken to book the offenders with details of the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the results achieved so far from such action?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) Complaints have been received by the Government alleging non-payment of notified minimum wages and delayed payment of wages to labourers under National Rural Employment Programme. In all such cases the State Governments concerned are invariably advised to take suitable action.

Inclusion of the christians of scheduled caste origin in the SC/ST list

683. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are very keen on revising the SC/ST list and a Bill is being introduced in Parliament in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to include Christians of Scheduled Caste origin in the proposed list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bill would be introduced at the earliest possible but